

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE
ON 6 January 1949
at 1430 o'clock

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PRESENT:

[redacted] Executive - Chairman
Mr. Frank Wisner, ADPC - Member
Mr. E. R. Saunders, Budget Officer - Member
Mr. L. R. Houston, General Counsel - Legal Advisor
and recorder
without vote

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ALSO PRESENT:

[redacted] - Advisor
- Advisor
- Advisor

Mr. Wisner opened the meeting with an outline of the scope of the OPC Directive and the plans formulated under that Directive. He pointed out the various lines of policy guidance and the coordination with other departments and agencies. He requested that, in view of the very special security problems involved, the detailed outlines presented for Committee review be kept in OPC. The Chairman agreed, except to require that one copy go forward to the Director with the recommendations of the Committee.

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Mr. Wisner stated that at this meeting he was requesting approval of a specific allocation of additional funds for the fiscal year 1949 in the amount of [redacted] but that he was also presenting the proposed operational budget for the fiscal year 1950 for consideration by the Committee in connection with its recommendations on the remaining

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The Chairman asked what outside funds might be obtainable and whether they would reduce the amount required from CIA or would augment the plans here presented. Mr. Wisner pointed out that there would be certain outside funds allocated specifically for purposes not contemplated in this presentation and that, in addition, it was possible that funds might be obtainable which could conceivably be used to reduce the support required of CIA. He stated that there was little likelihood of such funds and that, in any case, it might be preferable to augment certain activities of this program rather than to reduce the CIA obligation.

The Committee then considered the program of OPC, project by project, making both specific and general inquiries. From the answers to these inquiries, it appeared to the Committee that the projects had been well conceived and that the detailed planning was realistic in so far as details of such a broad, and as yet largely untouched, program could be foreseen.

One general question of particular importance was whether OPC would need its own administrative and support sections for implementation of these programs. Categoric answer was that OPC would support its operations through the administrative services of CIA, OSO, State, and other agencies, in so far as possible, but that in certain foreseeable instances, and possible unforeseeable situations, special administrative support would have to be established. by

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OPC itself. In view of the facts presented, the Committee agreed this would be the case.

Gross breakdown, project by project, for the fiscal years 1949 and 1950 is as follows:

PROJECT NO.

FISCAL YEAR '49

FISCAL YEAR '50

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Project 1-A
 1-B
 1-C
 1-D
 1-E
 1-F
 1-G
 1-H

Total Gr. I

Project II-A
 B
 C
 D
 E

Total Gr. II

Group III

Total Unvouchered
 Vouchered

GRAND TOTAL

Already transferred....
 PRESENTLY REQUESTED

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*Budgeted - ** Not presently provided for.

The Chairman asked the Budget Officer if the funds requested were available. The Budget Officer asked for

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time to study the matter as it would require reducing allocations or withdrawing funds from the budgets of other offices for the last six months of fiscal year 1949.

The Committee agreed, unanimously, that if the funds requested were available, that the Committee would recommend that they be allocated to OPC to carry out the programs and projects as presented to the Committee. The Committee noted that somewhat of a third of the budget proposed for fiscal year 1950 was not provided for in the budget which the Director and the ADPC had presented to the Bureau of the Budget, and which had been approved by the President. The Committee felt, however, that it would not be proper to seek this increase at this time in view of the fact that the entire program had, of necessity, to be developed in vacuum, and that experience might indicate that the budget estimate of 1950 set forth in these projects was in excess of actual needs due to the difficulties of implementing operations. It was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that as much experience as possible should be acquired prior to requesting the increase in the 1950 budget, and that the ADPC should report again to the Committee, on or about 15 May 1949, with such facts and figures as might give a more realistic estimate for 1950. If it then appeared that more funds would be required, the Director might present the situation to the National Security Council for determination whether a supplementary appropriation

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should be requested or whether other interested departments and agencies should be required to make contributions to the OPC program.

The Committee adjourned at 1630 o'clock, with instructions to the Budget Officer to report to the Chairman on 7 January as to availability of additional funds for fiscal year 1949.

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel
Recorder

NOTE: The Budget Officer reported to the Chairman of the Committee on 7 January that it could not be possible, at this time, to allocate funds for the OPC program in excess of [redacted] for the remainder of fiscal year 1949, but that further study at a later date might reveal availability of further funds due to changes in Agency-wide activities.

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